



IHMS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Join Immaculate Heart of Mary School for delightful children's Christmas Concerts to get into the spirit of the Christmas season. Students are preparing to share the real meaning of Christmas with TWO musicals for everyone to enjoy!
**All students are required to attend both performances for their respective age group: the afternoon show and the evening show.

Wednesday, December 17th - Grades Kindergarten - Grade 3 students will present **Humbug!** at 1:30PM & 7:00PM.

Thursday, December 18th - Grades 4 -8 students will present **Aloha Christmas** at 1:30PM & 7:00PM.

Important information for parents:

- For costume items brought from home, please put them in a bag and label the clothes and bag with the child's name. Costume requirements for each class were emailed to families on December 11th. All costume pieces brought from home should be at school by Monday, December 15.
- For evening performances, all students must be in their classroom. Dressed in costume, no later than 6:30PM.
- The Christmas Concerts are part of the school program, and students are required to take part in the preparations and all performances. If a student is unable to perform, a note from parents was required to be provided to the homeroom teacher last week. Otherwise, students are required to attend both their afternoon and evening performances.
- On the day of the concert, the school yard will be open for parking, as well as on the adjacent streets. **Parking is not permitted in the back lane behind the school** due to a City of Winnipeg by-law. Immaculate Heart of Mary School also hires a security guard to patrol the parking areas.
- Each of the Christmas Concerts will be video recorded. Orders will be taken in January 2026. What a precious keepsake this video will be in the future!



DECEMBER

- 15 Christmas Concert costumes due at school
- 17 K- 3 Christmas Concert - 1:30PM & 7:00PM
- 18 4-8 Christmas Concert - 1:30PM & 7:00PM
- 19 10:30AM Divine Liturgy at Sts. Volodymyr & Olha Cathedral
- 19 Last day of classes before Christmas Break

December 22 - January 2, 2026
Christmas Break

JANUARY

- 5 Classes Resume
- 8 9:00AM Feast of Epiphany Prayer Service
- 8 2:00PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Staff Meeting
- 8 7:00PM Parents' Guild Meeting (Online)
- 14 3:00-5:00PM Uniform Shop Open
- 31 NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Each of the students in the school are participating in a colouring contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus runs the "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign each year to remind society that at Christmas we honour the birth of Jesus Christ. This contest allows young people to combine their creative talents and imaginations with an understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas. Thank you to the St. Josaphat Council #4138 for helping continue this tradition.



LOST AND FOUND

All items collected in the Lost & Found bin will be placed on tables in the downstairs hallway for families to look through. Please take the time to claim your items. There are plenty of lost items waiting for their home.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 - ROSARY AT 10:00AM / DIVINE LITURGY AT 10:30 AM

Please join the students and staff for Divine Liturgy as we end this calendar year in prayer at Sts. Volodymyr & Olha Cathedral. Special prayer intentions will be prayed for the Mary's Angels. For families that ordered a Mary's Angel ... the ornaments will be sent home at the end of the day on December 19.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE FOR THE LINK: YOUTH & FAMILY SUPPORTS

The SMAC Team would like to extend gratitude to the IHMS community for their support at the Bake Sale and on Mindful Monday. In total, SMAC raised \$545.00 in support of *The Link*. SMAC would also like to offer thanks for the contribution of non-perishable food items; the classroom collection boxes are looking great and we will continue accepting food throughout the week. Thank You!



FAMILY INFORMATION UPDATES

It is important to keep the school office informed of any new updates to relevant family information. Information such as change in Visa status, change in address and phone numbers (including work numbers). Not only is this important for emergency situations but as well, the office must also report certain statistics to the province of Manitoba for funding purposes. Please email any changes to lwosny@ihms.mb.ca or stop by the school office.

AMAZING TALENT!

- 👏 Thank you to all the students who performed all the Ukrainian songs and verses so wonderfully for the St. Nicholas Concert on December 5.
- 👏 Acknowledgement to all the students who have been sharing their gift of music and song by the Christmas Tree every morning and afternoon.
- 👏 As the students prepare for the Christmas concerts, there are incredible actors, singers and musicians playing guitars, recorders and even ukuleles!



RE-REGISTRATION FOR 2026 - 2027

Re-registration Forms for next school year will be sent home in early January. Families with a new student, registering for Kindergarten in the fall of 2026, should pick up a Registration Form from the office in the New Year. The registration / tuition fees for the 2026-2027 school year will be posted in January. IHMS provides a variety of learning opportunities and experiences to ensure each child has the best start to their educational journey, and as well encourages all students to make respectful and responsible choices.



LOOKING FOR A SADOCHOK / NURSERY PROGRAM?

IHMS operates a Nursery (Sadochok) School Program at St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church (35 Marcie Street) in North Kildonan. The Lubov Nursery School has been in successful operation for over 20 years. IHM Lubov Nursery School is a "learning through play" experience for children age's two to five. Programs include an introduction to the Ukrainian language, faith, culture and customs. The qualified staff provides an enriching experience in a caring Christian environment, within a bright main floor classroom, where all children may develop socially, emotionally and intellectually at their own rate. More Information can be found on IHMS website.

